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We are also enclosing a copy of each of the following citations that are listed in form PTO-1449:

Black and Decker Digital Advantage Digital Iron D2020, copy of package.

Cited in the attached PTO-1449 are U.S. Patent No. 4,686,352. Pursuant to the waiving of the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of these U.S. references are not enclosed.

been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

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Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

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